REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Currently, claims 1-22 are pending in this application.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102:

Claims 1-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated

by Gryphon et al (U.S. '537, hereinafter "Gryphon"). Applicant respectfully traverses

this rejection.

For a reference to anticipate a claim, each element must be found, either expressly

or under principles of inherency, in the reference. Gryphon fails to disclose each element

of the claimed invention. For example, Gryphon fails to disclose searching a generic

process plan for a predetermined pattern contained in a non-generic process element and

inserting, at runtime, contents from the non-generic process element into the generic

process plan on detection of the predetermined pattern so as to newly generate a process

plan which contains process instructions that are non-identical than that of the generic

process plan, as required by claims 1-22.

The present invention therefore requires that contents of non-generic process

elements are inserted into the generic process plan at run time. The contents of non-

generic process elements are thus inserted dynamically into the generic process plan

rather than at compile time (i.e., statically). Inserting contents of non-generic process

elements into the generic process plan at run time is supported by, for example, page 3,

paragraph 2 of the originally-filed specification which is reproduced below:

"The use of process aspects which are first class objects within ASOPE enables the development of a process design meta-process that <u>allows information on the current context of the business process, that will affect its structure, to be woven into it at runtime</u>. Also use of a cross cutting abstraction like aspect-orientation has an impact on the taxonomy of process objects that an ASOPE style system would implement (emphasis added)."

In contrast, Gryphon relates to a workflow modelling language (similar, for example, to UML) which enables system requirements to be captured and presented in a way that facilitates the understanding of various users. Gryphon does not address whether to statically or dynamically modify the business contexts during the planning process as these are, by the nature of the workflow modelling scheme, considered from a <u>static</u> perspective. Starting from Gryphon, there is nothing that would lead a person skilled in the art to even consider what problems could arise if information on the current context of the business process is not loaded dynamically into the generic business plan.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that claims 1-22 are not anticipated by Gryphon and respectfully requests that the rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. §102 be withdrawn.
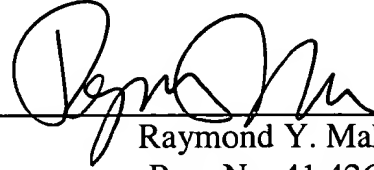
Conclusion:

Applicant believes that this entire application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests a notice to this effect. If the Examiner has any questions or believes that an interview would further prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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